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SUBJ: ISRAELI SUSPENSION ISSUE

REF: STATE 194670 (NOTAL)

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED SECRETARY'S JULY 14 SPEECH AND ISRAELI SUSPENSION ISSUE DURING AUGUST 20 MEETING WITH WONG CHAK MUN, FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICER WHO WILL ACCOMPANY FOREIGN MINISTER RAJARATNAM TO UNGA. WONG STATED THAT EXPULSION WOULD SET DANGEROUS PRECEDENT AND THAT SINGAPORE WOULD NOT VOTE IN FAVOR. HE WAS NONCOMMITTAL ABOUT THE LESS DRASTIC SANCTION OF SUSPENSION AND STATED THAT SINGAPORE'S POSITION WOULD BE DECIDED AT UNGA. WONG EXPLAINED THAT SINGAPORE HAS TO "WALK A TIGHTROPE" BECAUSE OF ITS LOCATION IN THE MIDST OF TWO LARGE MUSLIM NEIGHBORS.

2. AMBASSADOR ALSO RAISED ISSUE IN CONVERSATION WITH ISRAELI AMBASSADOR ALMOG, WHO SAID HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY RAJARATNAM THAT AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE SINGAPORE OPPOSED EXPULSION OR SUSPENSION OF ANY STATE FROM THE UNGA. HOWEVER, ALMOG HAD SOME QUALMS ABOUT RAJARATNAM'S STEADFASTNESS WHEN THE CHIPS WERE DOWN, AND IN VIEW OF WONG CHAK MUN'S REMARKS RE SUSPENSION, WE BELIEVE THAT FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATIONS IN NEW YORK BETWEEN USUN OFFICERS AND SINGAPORE UNGA DELEGATION MIGHT BE HELPFUL. HOLDRIDGE
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